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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AMER

SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF VNAF PERSONNEL TO GUAM

REF: STATE 102588

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A GROUP OF VIETNAMESE MILITARY WHO TOOK REFUGE AT THE ROYAL THAI NAVAL BASE AT UTAPAO AND WERE BEING HANDLED BY THE RTG DID INITIALLY EXPRESS RELUCTANCE TO LEAVE THAILAND FOR GUAM. MOST OF THESE WERE ENLISTED PERSONNEL WHO SAID THEY BOARDED THE VIETNAMESE COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT IN SAIGON THINKING THEY WOULD LAND AT ANOTHER AIRPORT IN VIETNAM. AFTER ARRIVING AT UTAPAO THEY DECIDED THEY WOULD PREFER TO RETURN TO VIETNAM.

2. OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL HOURS, ROYAL THAI NAVY AND THAI IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AT UTAPAO PERSUADED THEM TO LEAVE FOR GUAM. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION FROM A POSITION OF NOT BEING DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE VIETNAMESE AGREED TO GO WILLINGLY. RTG OFFICIALS ESCORTED THE VIETNAMESE FROM THE STAGING AREA TO THE AIRPLANE. WE WERE NOT INVOLVED.

3. EMBASSY PERSONNEL AT THE STAGING AREA WITNESSED THE PROCEEDINGS BETWEEN THE VIETNAMESE AND THE THAI OFFICIALS, BUT ACTED UNDER EMBASSY INSTRUCTIONS TO TAKE NO INITIATIVES  
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IN THE MATTER SINCE THE VIETNAMESE MILITARY WERE IN THE

CUSTODY OF THE RTG.  
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